

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

September 7, 2000

D. T. E. 00-64

Petition of NeuStar, Inc., as the North American Numbering Plan Administrator and on behalf of the Massachusetts telecommunications industry, for area code relief for the 413 area code in Western Massachusetts

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On August 1, 2000, NeuStar, Inc. ("NeuStar"), the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, petitioned the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") on behalf of the Massachusetts telecommunications industry, to investigate area code relief. On September 7, 2000, the Department opened an investigation, docketed as D.T.E. 00-64, to review a relief plan proposed by NeuStar for the 413 area code.

NeuStar has petitioned the Department for approval of an all-services distributed overlay relief plan for the 413 Numbering Plan Area ("NPA"). At an industry relief planning meeting held in Holyoke, Massachusetts on June 20, 2000, the industry reached a consensus to recommend the all-services distributed overlay relief plan to the Department

The Department seeks comments on the advantages and disadvantages of NeuStar's proposal. In evaluating the overlay proposal, the Department will consider several factors pursuant to mandated federal guidelines, including, but not limited to, whether the overlay proposal will: (1) seek to facilitate entry into the communications marketplace by making numbering resources available on a timely and efficient basis; (2) not unduly favor or disadvantage any particular industry segment or group of consumers; and (3) not unduly favor one technology over another.

The Department will hold public hearings on the above-captioned matter in the following locations on the following dates and times:

1. Claire Teague Senior Center, 909 Main Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, October 17, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.;

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2. North Adams City Hall, Council Chambers, 1st Floor, 10 Main Street, North Adams, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, October 18, 2000,

at 7:00 p.m.;

3. Springfield City Hall, Room 220, 36 Court Street, Springfield, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, October 24, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.; and

4. Greenfield High School, Cafeteria, One Lenox Avenue, Greenfield, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, October 25, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.

Members of the public are welcome to attend these hearings and express their views. To allow all viewpoints to be heard, the Department will also accept written comments. All written comments should be filed with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110 by 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 27, 2000.

Any person who desires to intervene in the proceeding concerning the above Petition must file a written petition for leave to intervene or participate in the proceeding no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, October 17, 2000, with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, at the address noted above. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department - not mailing - constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A,

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Any person desiring information regarding intervention or participation in this case or desiring further information regarding this notice should contact:

Paula Foley, Hearing Officer

Department of Telecommunications and Energy

(617) 305-3500

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By Order of the Department,

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MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY